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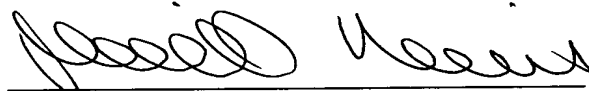
Claims 1 and 2 are pending at the time of the Office Action dated June 1, 2005. The Office Action indicates that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters and closes prosecution on the merits in accordance with *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. The Applicants appreciate the indication that the application is in condition for allowance and submit the instant amendment to address the noted formal matters.

The Office Action indicates that the disclosure of the specification is objected to due to various informalities. The disclosure of the specification has been amended according to the suggestions on page 2 of the Office Action to correct the noted informalities. The Applicants submit that the disclosure is now in form for allowance.

Further, the Office Action indicates that claims 1 and 2 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome various informalities. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended according to the suggestions on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action and introduce no new matter. The claim amendments merely correct the noted informalities and place the claims in form for allowance. The Applicants submit that the claims are now in form for allowance.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that this RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 1, 2005 (along with any documents referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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